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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMCONSUL LUANDA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 1104

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PINT, PO, MZ

SUBJECT: PALACE REVOLT AT PORTUGUESE EMBASSY

1. ACCORDING TO LUIS ALBUQUERQUE, NUMBER TWO MAN AND EMBASSY COUNSELOR, PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN LOURENCO MARQUES IS VIRTUALLY PARALYZED BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN CAREER STAFF AND NON-CAREER AMBASSADOR, ALBERTINO ALMEIDA. ALBUQUERQUE AND SECOND SECRETARIES ANTONIO MARTINS DA CRUZ AND GIL SALDANHA ARE OPENLY DISDAINFUL OF AMBASSADOR, CALLING HIM "COMMUNIST, TRAITOR TO PORTUGAL, AGENT OF MPLA, AND LAZY". THEY ACCUSE HIM OF SACRIFICING PORTUGAL'S INTERESTS TO THOSE OF MPLA AND BLOCKING REPORTS ON MISTREATMENT OF PORTUGUESE CITIZENS SUCH AS DETAINING PERSONS WITHOUT CHARGES. INCREASINGLY STORMY RELATIONS CULMINATED IN OCT 10 SHOUTING MATCH BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND ALBUQUERQUE WHICH FORMER SURREPTITIOUSLY RECORDED ON TAPE. THREE CAREER STAFFERS HAVE SENT PERSONAL TELEGRAM TO FONMIN  
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MELO ANTUNES ASKING FOR OFFICIAL INQUIRY BY MINISTER.

2. ALMEIDA REPORTEDLY WAS LEGAL COUNSELOR TO MPLA BEFORE BEING CHOSEN BY MELO ANTUNES AS AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE. ALBUQUERQUE SAYS ANTUNES HAS SINCE SOURED ON ALMEIDA BUT HAS HESITATED TO SACK HIM BECAUSE OF "EMBARRASSMENT" SUCH A CHANGE WOULD CREATE AFTER ONLY THREE MONTHS ON THE JOB.

3. ALMEIDA HAS REPUTATION AROUND TOWN OF BEING CLOSE FRIEND AND CONFIDANT OF SOVIET CHARGE GLOUKHOV, AND ALMEIDA'S WIFE IS SAID TO CONTINUALLY PRAISE GLORIES OF COMMUNISM ON COCKTAIL CIRCUIT. CHINESE AMBASSADOR, ON THE OTHER HAND, WON'T HAVE A THING TO DO WITH THEM.  
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